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The Houston Fire Department Announces “Operation: Save A Life”

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department is scheduling a press conference to announce the donation of 15,000 smoke detectors through the nationwide “Operation: Save A Life” campaign.

WHEN: Thursday, November 15, 2007 @ 10:00 am Press Conference

WHERE: HFD Fire Station #6, 3402 Washington, Houston, Texas 77007

DETAILS: The Houston Fire Department has formed a new partnership in the fight against deadly residential fires. The Houston Apartment Association, Kidde, The Texas Lottery, Texas Chevrolet Dealers and others have provided HFD with 15,000 smoke detectors as a part of the nationwide “Operation: Save A Life” campaign.

A donation of this size will allow the Houston Fire Department to equip each of our 90 fire stations with at least 100 smoke detectors to be installed directly into the homes in their service areas. Local and nationwide statistics confirm that these smoke detectors continually save lives by offering an early warning allowing potential victims to escape the danger.

Please join HFD Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, representatives from the Houston Apartment Association and Kidde as we welcome our new partners in this important life-saving program. As a part of the “Operation: Save A Life” program, the Houston Fire Department along with local volunteers will be in the area of Fire Station 43 (Key Map 455K) installing these smoke detectors on Saturday, December 15, 2007 from 9:00am-1:00pm. During this massive smoke detector installation day, HFD hopes to install 500 smoke detectors into the homes in this area.

The exact areas for the installation day will be announced at a later date. Also as a part of this press conference HFD will provide a demonstration and information on space heater safety. As the cold weather approaches, Houstonians will be using their space heaters more increasing the risk for dangerous fires. HFD will address how to use a space heater properly and other safety topics related to heating your home.